

January-April 2016



County Highlights!

Happy New Year 2016! It is hard to believe another year has gone by. Kelly is celebrating the start of her seventh year as Benton County Economic Development Director!

2015 was a good year for Benton County. We celebrated our 175th birthday, and in 2016 the State of Indiana will celebrate our Bicentennial! On October 11th, the State's Bicentennial Torch Relay will pass through Benton County. Watch our Facebook page, or the Benton County Bicentennial Facebook page for more information on different events.

In 2015, Benton County has been busy. We had capital investment of \$260.8 million in local business expansions and new development!

Local business expansions were:

Boswell/Chase Elevator

Benton Dairy

North Fork Farms

Rowe Trucking

KA Components

Capital Investment in New projects:

Pattern Energy

Weaver Popcorn

Benton County has a Labor Force of 4,888 people, a 3.71% increase from last year. 4,695 are employed, giving the county a 3.9% unemployment rate, which is down 1.3% from a year ago.

The Benton County Chamber had a great first year. They had 47 members, 1 Gold, 5 Silver and 1 Bronze sponsorships!



Wind Farm Tours

Looking for something different to do?

Are you curious about wind turbines? Needing a tour to supplement your educational and/or extra-curricular agenda? If so, schedule one of our flexible wind farm tours.

Tours are offered by appointment only and include a video presentation and a trip to a functional wind turbine. Depending on your time schedule, you may also see and touch an actual wind turbine blade, witness a sub-station, and/or view two different types of wind turbines that are adjacent to each other. Tours generally last around 1 ½ to 2 hours but we strive to suit the needs of your group, large or small.

PRICES:

20 or Less Guests: \$75 Flat Fee

21 or More Guests: \$3 per child or student
\$5 per adult

Please contact us for additional information, questions, or to schedule your tour.



Looking Ahead...

January-

January 5th-Inspire will hold it's first paint event in Fowler, with several more planned in January. Watch their Facebook page for all their upcoming events.

January 18th- Martin Luther King Day, the courthouse is closed.

March-

The first day of Spring is March 20th!

Friday March 25th- the courthouse will be closed for Good Friday.

Watch the Town of Fowler's Facebook page for the annual Easter Egg hunt details.

May-

3rd-Primary Election Day, courthouse is closed.

30th-Memorial Day, the courthouse is closed.

October-

11th- State of Indiana's Bicentennial Torch Relay passes through Benton County.

On-line Property Search

Now you can access Benton County property cards and data on-line.

Search for properties by names, addresses, and more via the following link:

<http://bentonin.egis.39dn.com/#>



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